among tribal children, some of which are the following:

— Provision of primary schools within one Km. distance habitation with a population of 200 or more;

— Improvement of facilities in primary schools under the scheme of Operation Blackboard;

— Adoption of target oriented strategies and fixing of separate targets for access, participation and achievement for Scheduled Tribe (ST) children;

— Diversification and improvement of programme of non-formal education for children who remain outside the formal school system;

— Opening of Ashram Schools in Tribal Sub-Plan Areas;

— Setting up of Educational Complex in Low Literacy Pockets for development of female literacy in tribal areas;

— Provision of incentives such as scholarships, text-books, hostel facilities, etc.

Amount spent on the Welfare Schemes in Uttar Pradesh

1213. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount spent during the last three years so far, towards the Welfare Schemes in the State of Uttar Pradesh district-wise;

(b) whether these Welfare Schemes have given special attention/priority, to the backward and to the most backward classes;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) the Welfare Schemes specially earmarked for backward and most backward classes of Uttrar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) A statement showing the amounts released in the last three years to the Government of U.P. and Non-Governmental Organisations in Uttar Pradesh under the various Central and Centrally Sponsored Schemes being implemented by the Ministry of Welfare is attached (Annexure). District-wise expenditure incurred by U.P. Government is not being maintained by the Ministry of Welfare.

(b) to (d) The Schemes mentioned in the statement at annexure are intended for the welfare and development of SCs, STs and Other Backward and disadvantaged classes. The Central Government have not specifically earmarked any schemes for backward or most backward classes of U.P.

Statement

Amounts released to the Government of Uttar Pradesh and Non-Governmental Organisations in Uttar Pradesh During 1992-93 1993-94, 1994-95.

Amount released (Rs. in Lakhs)

S.No.	Name of the Scheme	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Scheduled Caste Development				
1.	Post-Matric Scholarship	700.00	350.00	386.95
2.	Pre-Matric Scholafship	78.53	80.33	166.31
3.	Book Banks	11.49	103.09	54.00
4.	Girls Hostels	76.36	15.77	—
5.	Boys Hostels	101.10	60.65	—
6.	Coaching and Allied	3.00	3.00	—
7.	Liberation & Rehabilitation of Scavengers	1494.00	3763.00	4505.00
8.	Special Central Assistance	5495.07	5933.38	6297.51
9.	Scheduled Caste Dev. Corpn.,	211.93	238.77	282.32
10.	Implementation of PCR & Atrocities Act	165.00	49.59	178.00
11.	Upgradation of merit of SC/STStudents	5.35	—	4.92
12.	Voluntary Organisation for SCs.	46.48	101.27	198.87

Amount released (Rs. in Lakhs)

S.No.	Name of the Scheme	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Scheduled Tribes Development:				
13.	Special Central Assistance	58.40	69.22	70.41
14.	Article 275(1)	17.22	32.25	31.50
15.	Research & Training	3.46	4.98	—
16.	Girls Hostels	6.12	3.65	—
17.	Boys Hostels	15.16	3.65	—
18.	Ashram Schools for STs	23.58	40.68	—
19.	Voluntary Organisations for STs.	29.47	27.39	27.11
Handicapped Welfare:				
20.	Assistance to disabled persons	442.50	451.75	693.67
21.	Assistance to voluntary organisations for disabled persons.	102.31	152.27	287.60
Social Defence:				
22.	Scheme of Prohibition of Drug Abuse Prevention	80.82	121.15	110.84
23.	Scheme of Prevention and Control of Juvenile Social Maladjustment	60.02	—	45.15
24.	Welfare of the Aged	5.94	49.61	79.82
25.	Welfare of Street Children	—	12.33	22.65
26.	Assistance to voluntary organisations for providing social defence service (General Grant-in-aid)	0.58	3.55	11.38
27.	Scheme for Adoption	—	—	1.27
Other Backward Classes:				
28.	National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (Funds released by the Corporation)	88.10	258.50	949.45
29.	Scheme for Pre-Examination Coaching for Weaker Sections	0.75	6.52	33.52

Privatisation of Irrigation Projects

1214. SHRI S.S. SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a high level committee headed by Minister of Water Resources to examine the feasibility of privatisation of the irrigation and Multipurpose projects in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to hand-over the existing irrigation projects including Reservoirs, Dams and Barrages to private companies;

(c) if so, the scope of such a handing over; and

(d) whether Government propose to execute and create a National Grid of Indian Rivers, if so, the plans in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A Committee under the Chairmanship of Union Minister of State in the Ministry of Water Resources has been constituted on 5.7.95 with a view to examine the feasibility and scope of private Sector participation in the irrigation and multipurpose projects.

(d) No, Sir. However, for maximising the availability of utilisable water, the Government has prepared national perspective for transfer of water from surplus areas to water deficit areas, which comprises two components viz.,